



*BOROUGH OF BANBURY*

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the**

**Medical Officer of Health**

**and**

**Chief Public Health Inspector**

**For the Year**

**1964**



**BOROUGH OF BANBURY**

*Mayor*

**COUNCILLOR JACK WALKER AMOS, J.P.**

*Deputy Mayor*

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**- PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE -**

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COUNCILLOR WIBLIN  
COUNCILLOR MRS. WILSON  
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**STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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**Senior Additional Public Health Inspector and Certified Meat Inspector.**

C. R. PALING, M.A.P.H.I.

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G. J. EASTBURY, M.A.P.H.I. (Certified Meat Inspector).  
G. ROSS, M.S.I.A., (Certified Meat Inspector).

**Clerk/Typist**

MRS. S. A. WILKIN (To February, 1964).  
MISS. J. BLATCHFORD (To September, 1964).  
MRS. C. F. HEDGES (From September, 1964).

**Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders**

G. STEVENS

**Rodent Operative and Disinfection Officer**

G. W. LAMPITT

**Manager of Public Slaughterhouse**

P. J. KEARSE

**To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Banbury**

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit on behalf of Dr. Campbell who retired following his illness in early 1965, his report on the Health of the Borough during 1964.

**BIRTHS AND DEATHS**

A perusal of the statistics shows a reasonable comparison with those for the nation with a birth rate above the national average and an infant death rate well below the national average. Most of the deaths of infants occurred in the first week of life.

The general death rate when corrected, was equal to the national average and the main causes are given below:-

Cerebral Vascular Disease	46
Coronary Disease	42
Cancer (all types)	42
Lung Cancer	9
Breast Cancer	4
Stomach Cancer	3

It can be seen that the "degenerative" diseases were the main cause of death.

Although only 12 deaths were attributable to Bronchitis, this disease is one of the main causes of absence from work in England.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

This year was one comparatively free from infectious diseases. Over the passage of many years, better standards of hygiene, better living conditions, the discovery of immunological methods and modern drugs have considerably changed the pattern of infectious diseases; it would be wrong, however, to be too complacent. The outbreaks of Typhoid and Smallpox which occasionally occur show that constant vigilance must still be maintained. The Aircraft and Ships Regulations have been strengthened to help in the control of immigrants likely to import Smallpox and more recently the Ministry of Health has stressed the need for preventive work in the Tuberculosis service for newly arrived long stay immigrants.

**SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

These circumstances are found in detail in the report that follows and perusal of these shows the considerable amount of work undertaken in the year by the staff of the Department. Much of this work is unsung, unpublicised and, not being dramatic, passes almost unnoticed.

I am certain that Dr. Campbell would wish me to close this introduction by conveying his thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support, to the officers of other Departments for their co-operation and to the staff of the Public Health Department for their help and loyalty during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

**L. H. BREARLEY,**

Medical Officer of Health.

# SECTION A.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,051 acres
Population (1961 Census)	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,996
Population (1964 Estimated Reg. Gen.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,080
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,088,120
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£4,510

## EXTRACTS from Vital Statistics for the Year 1964

### LIVE BIRTHS

						Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	237	221	458
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	15	20	35
				Total	...	<u>252</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>493</u>

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of Estimated Population  
(England and Wales 18.4) 21.4

ILLEGITIMATE Live Births per cent of total live births 7.1

### STILLBIRTHS

						Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	4	-	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
						<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

STILLBIRTH RATE per 1,000 (Live and Stillbirths)  
(England and Wales 16.3) 8.0

TOTAL live and stillbirths 497

### DEATHS

						Males	Females	Total
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	125	126	251
DEATH RATE per 1,000 of Estimated Population (England and Wales - 11.3).								10.9
Corrected Death Rate								11.2

### DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

	Number	Rate
All infants per 1,000 live births	8	16.2
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	5	10.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	3	85.7



CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

Neo-natal Mortality Rate - (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	14.2	England and Wales 1964 - 13.8
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	14.2	
Peri-natal Mortality Rate - (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	22.1	

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4
14. Other malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	10	14
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
16. Diabetes	-	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	28
18. Coronary disease, angina	28	16
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
20. Other heart disease	12	15
21. Other circulatory disease	6	12
23. Pneumonia	5	10
24. Bronchitis	10	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	3
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	6
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	-
34. All other accidents	4	3
35. Suicide	1	1
	<u>125</u>	<u>126</u>

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A list of the staff of the Public Health Department is given at the beginning of this report.

(a) Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory work for the Borough is carried out at:-

- (a) The Public Health Laboratories, Walton Street, Oxford.
- (b) The Horton General Hospital, Banbury.
- (c) The Counties Public Health Laboratories, 66 Victoria Street London, S.W. 1. (Water Examinations only).

The greater part of the work is now carried out at the Horton General Hospital, but full details of this work are not available.

(b) Nursing in the Home

Facilities are provided by the County Council under Section 25 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, through the agency of the Oxfordshire Nursing Federation.

### (c) Clinics and Treatment Centres

CLINIC	PLACE	TIME
1. Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic	School Clinic Warwick Road	Tuesday & Friday 2.30 p.m.
2. Ante-Natal Clinic	Neithrop Hospital Warwick Road	Wednesday morning by appointment
3. School Clinic	School Clinic	Each Weekday 9 a.m. also Tuesday 2 p.m.
4. Child Guidance Clinic	" "	Thursday 10. 30 a.m.
5. Speech Clinic	" "	Wednesday 10 a.m.
6. Eye Clinic	Horton Hospital	Monday 10 a.m.
7. Orthopaedic Clinic	" "	Thursday (1st. & 3rd) 2.30 p.m.
8. Tuberculosis Clinic	" "	Thursday 1 p.m.
9. V. D. Clinic	Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford	Males - Wed. 6 p.m. - Sat. 3 p.m. Females - Mon. 6 p.m. - Wed. 3 p.m.
10. Diphtheria Immunisation	School Clinic	Every Tuesday 2.30 p.m.
11. Combined Diphtheria, Whooping Cough & Tetanus	" "	Every Tuesday 2.30 p.m.
12. Poliomyelitis Immunisation	" "	Tuesday 2.15 p.m.

**PUERPERAL PYREXIA** - No cases occurred during the year.

**MATERNAL DEATHS** - There were no maternal deaths during the year.

#### **ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN**

There were 35 illegitimate children born during the year. Of these 3 died before reaching the age of one year. This represents an Infant Mortality Rate of 85.7 per 1,000 as against 10.9 for legitimate children.

#### **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47**

No action has been necessary in the Borough during the year.

### *SECTION C.*

#### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

##### *1. Water Supply*

Water for the Borough was, up to the end of 1946, supplied by the Banbury Water Company but, during that year, a Bill was passed by Parliament under which the Town Council acquired the undertaking as from the 1st January, 1947, (Banbury Corporation Act, 1946).

The water supply is from the River Cherwell at Grimsbury and the Sor Brook at Bodicote; it is treated by settlement, filtration and chlorination. During 1964 the supply was constant and sufficient.



During the year 79 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination. All were reported to be satisfactory and suitable for a public supply.

With the exception of a few houses on the outskirts of the town, all are on the public supply.

## 2. *Drainage and Sewerage*

Various extensions of the sewers in the Borough were carried out during 1964 as a result of the extensive building programme which is now in progress and work was continued in respect of the sewers on the proposed industrial development area in Southam Road.

Drainage work carried out under the supervision of the Public Health Department during the year included:-

Drains cleared of obstructions ... ..	44
Drains repaired, relaid or connected to sewers ... ..	15
New inspection chambers provided ... ..	2
Cesspools cleansed ... ..	2
Cesspools abolished ... ..	6

## 3. *Rivers and Streams*

General supervision of the watercourses in the area is exercised by the Thames Conservancy Board but the cleansing of some of the water-courses conveying storm water was carried out during the year as a result of action by the Department.

## 4. *Closet Accommodation*

Practically all the dwellinghouses and other premises in the Borough are provided with water-closets except a very few premises on the extreme outskirts of the town where the water-carriage system is not available. Improvements to closet accommodation completed as a result of the work of the Public Health Inspectors included:-

W.C's provided ... ..	24
W.C. Compartments repaired and cleansed ... ..	13
W.C. Pedestals provided ... ..	6
W.C. Cisterns repaired or renewed ... ..	3
Artificial light provided to W.C's ... ..	6
Pail Closets abolished ... ..	6

## 5. *Public Cleansing*

This work is carried out under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor and has been well maintained during the year.

## 6. *Sanitary Inspection of the Area*

Particulars of the work of the Public Health Inspectors are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector attached hereto.

## SECTION D

### HOUSING

The Corporation's original Five-Year Slum Clearance Programme was completed during 1962, but, as a result of a re-survey of further low-standard properties as required by the provisions of Circular 2/60 of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, a further 40 individual unfit houses were added to the programme and have since been dealt with. The table given below gives a summary of the action taken in respect of Slum Clearance since 1956 and shows the position in this regard at the end of 1964:-

#### 1. Houses dealt with under the Programme

(a)	No. of houses in original programme ... ..	475
(b)	No. of houses added to programme during the period ... ..	40
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(c)	No. of houses excluded from programme as not being unfit on detailed inspections ... ..	64
(d)	Actual No. of houses dealt with ... ..	<hr/> 451

#### 2. Summary of Action taken

	HOUSES
(a)	13 Clearance Orders made and confirmed ... .. 152
(b)	15 Compulsory Purchase Orders made and confirmed 173
(c)	4 Compulsory Purchase Orders reverted to Clearance Orders ... .. 33
(d)	2 Clearance Areas dealt with by Agreement ... 9
(e)	Individual Unfit Houses dealt with ... .. 84
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#### 3. Re-Housing and Demolition

(a)	No. of families rehoused by Corporation ... ..	397
(b)	No. of persons rehoused by Corporation ... ..	1,234
(c)	Houses demolished ... ..	378
(d)	Houses closed (Closing Orders or undertakings )	35

As mentioned in my last report, the statistics recorded above show that substantial progress has been made in the field of housing in the Borough during the last ten years and there is no doubt that, as a result of the Corporation's slum clearance work and extensive building programme, the standard of housing in the area has been materially improved.

In spite of this progress, however, many aspects of the housing problem still remain unsolved and the supervision of houses let in multiple occupation; the carrying out of surveys for prospective Improvement Areas (under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1964); the routine inspection of houses in respect of disrepair and lack of maintenance and possible future slum clearance work are all duties which will occupy the time of your public health officers for many years to come.

A good deal of routine work in some of the aspects mentioned above was carried out during 1964 and, as a result, 124 houses were improved following the service of notices under the Public Health and Housing Acts. In addition, two houses which were represented as unfit, were thoroughly repaired and reconditioned following the acceptance by the Corporation of undertakings from the respective owners.

### SECTION E

#### INSPECTION OF MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS

##### (a) Milk Supply

As mentioned in previous reports, the duties of the local Public Health Department in connection with the supervision of the milk supply is now restricted to the inspection of dairies and, during 1964, 25 visits of inspection were recorded.

##### (b) Meat Inspection

As has happened for many years now, every animal slaughtered for human consumption in the Borough was inspected prior to sale, and in the period under review, the carcasses, parts of carcasses and offal detailed in the table below were condemned and surrendered.

The provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, were put into operation on the 1st October, 1963, and all carcasses inspected at the Public Slaughterhouse are now marked in accordance with the Regulations after being passed as fit for human consumption.

Total number of animals slaughtered and inspected.	Cattle 1,772		Sheep 8,268		Pigs 4,293		Calves 76	
Carcasses Condemned	No.	Weight	No.	Weight	No.	Weight	No.	Weight
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases	-	-	3	130	1	180	2	78
<b>TOTALS (A)</b>	-	-	3	130	1	180	2	78
Parts of Carcasses and Organs Condemned:-								
Meat	-	18	-	9	-	110½	-	-
Total Offal	-	418	-	52	-	58	-	17
Livers	275	3,188	144½	290	150½	452	-	-
Lungs	8	81	55	106	313	619	1	3
Heads	15	412	-	-	54	697	-	-
Tongues	14	99	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hearts	8	41	8	8	73	91½	-	-
Kidneys	2	6	-	-	12	10½	2	1
Skirts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spleens	7	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Udders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mes. Fat	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-
Plucks	-	-	1	6	31	209	-	-
Intestines	2	32	-	-	8	53	-	-
Tops	-	-	1	3	2	8	-	-
Flares	-	-	-	-	4	22	-	-
<b>TOTALS (B)</b>	331	4,320	209½	474	649½	2,334½	3	21
Total Weight (A) & (B) in lbs.	-	4,320	-	604	-	2,514½	-	99



The following table in the form required by the Ministry of Health, gives further details of the incidence of tuberculosis, cysticercosis and other diseases occurring in food animals slaughtered and inspected in the Borough during 1964.

#### CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1,703	69	76	8,268	4,293	-
Number inspected	1,703	69	76	8,268	4,293	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	2	3	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	298	18	1	189	526	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	17.5%	26.1%	3.9%	2.3%	12.3%	-
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	34	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.12%	-	-	-	0.8%	-
Cysticercosis:-						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	9	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	9	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The following other articles of food were inspected at the requests of various food traders and were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption during the year:-

#### TINNED FOODS

Tinned Meat ...	159	Tins
Tinned Fruit ...	493	"
Tinned Milk ...	214	"
Tinned Vegetables ...	241	"
Tinned Tomatoes ...	235	"
Tinned Soup ...	52	"
Tinned Juices ...	44	"
Tinned Corned Beef ...	62	"
Tinned Fish ...	149	"
Tinned Ham ...	7	"
Tinned Milk Pudding ...	43	"
Tinned Cream ...	19	"
Tinned Custard Powder ...	10	"
Tinned Curry ...	6	"
Tinned Spaghetti ...	13	"
Tinned Baby Foods ...	13	"
Tinned Coffee ...	1	"
Tinned Baked Beans ...	19	"
Tinned Treacle ...	3	"

Jars Jams & Preserves	...	...	...	39
Jars Paste	...	...	...	8
Jars Gherkins	...	...	...	11
Packets Frozen Fish	...	...	...	197
Packets Frozen Meat	...	...	...	70
Packets Frozen Sausages	...	...	...	10
Packets Frozen Vegetables	...	...	...	213
Packets Frozen Fruit	...	...	...	11
Packets Frozen Chips	...	...	...	37
Packets Frozen Pastry	...	...	...	31
Frozen Pies	...	...	...	53
Frozen Cakes	...	...	...	9
Packets Frozen Mousse	...	...	...	3
Packets Cereals	...	...	...	5
Packets Flour	...	...	...	4
Packets Nuts	...	...	...	8
Packets Margarine	...	...	...	6
Packets Peppers	...	...	...	6
Packets Biscuits	...	...	...	4
Packets Butter	...	...	...	90 lbs
Packets Stuffing	...	...	...	8½ lbs
Meat	...	...	...	190½ lbs
Cheese	...	...	...	40 lbs
Sausages	...	...	...	17 lbs
Bacon	...	...	...	53 lbs
Chickens	...	...	...	26

(d) *Food Poisoning*

Two cases of food poisoning occurred in the Borough during 1964.

(e) *Public Slaughterhouse*

The Public Slaughterhouse, which was taken over by the Corporation in 1954, still continues to operate satisfactorily and is still the only slaughterhouse in the Borough. The premises are regularly used by several of the local butchers in the area and in the adjoining rural districts and I am satisfied that slaughtering is carried out under hygienic and humane conditions.

Every animal slaughtered during the year was inspected - as has happened for many years now - and, since the 1st October, 1963, all carcasses passed as fit for human consumption have been marked as required by the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963. Charges of 1/6d. for cattle; 6d. for calves and pigs, and 3d. for sheep were made in respect of this latter service.

Details of the animals slaughtered together with details of condemnations are given on page 9 of this report and, once again, these figures illustrate the excellent quality of the animals passing through the abattoir.

The Public Slaughterhouse is an undoubted public health asset to the Borough and, financially, it continued to operate most satisfactorily during 1964.

(f) *Food Hygiene*

No special courses of Food Hygiene lectures were given during the year but, as in previous years, every opportunity was taken to publicise this branch of our work in talks given to local organisations by the public health inspectors and myself. A good deal of such educative work is also carried out by the inspectors in the course of their routine inspections of food premises and I consider that this method of stressing the importance of food hygiene is most useful.



(g) *Food Hygiene Regulations*

For many years now the administration of these Regulations has been given considerable attention by your public health officers and active work in this connection was continued during 1964. The statistics recorded in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector illustrate the efforts made in this connection and I would again comment on the very considerable improvement in the standard of food premises in the area which has occurred during the last few years. There is, however, no room for complacency in this regard and I would again stress the need for regular and frequent inspection of all premises where food is sold, stored or prepared for sale together with the importance of educating food handlers in hygienic methods. The need for strict personal hygiene by food handlers is a matter of great importance in this connection and the injunction to wash the hands thoroughly after the use of the toilet is one which cannot be stressed too much as a means of the prevention of the spread of food poisoning organisms.

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## FOOD PREMISES

The following statistics, required by the Ministry, are given in respect of food premises in the Borough:-

(1) *No. of Food Premises on record*

Bakehouses ... ..	8
Butchers Shops ... ..	22
Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens ... ..	44
Confectioners and Sweet Shops ... ..	30
Dairies ... ..	5
Fishmongers ... ..	3
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	4
Food Manufacturing Premises ... ..	7
Greengrocers Shops ... ..	14
Grocers and General Shops ... ..	51
Public Houses and Licensed Premises... ..	55

(2) *No. of Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955*

(a) For the manufacture or storage of ice-cream ... ..	114
(b) For the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food ... ..	20

(3) *No. of Dairies Registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959.*

... .. 5

(4) *No. of Inspections of Registered Food Premises*

(Full details of this work are recorded in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector).

(5) *Method of Disposal of Condemned Food*

Generally by disposal at the Corporation's refuse tip.

### SECTION F

#### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the Year, 1964.

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	ADMITTED TO ISOLATION HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Whooping Cough	7	-	-
Scarlet Fever	9	1	-
Measles	37	-	-
Meningococcal)			
Meningitis )	2	2	-
Food Poisoning	2	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>

# **AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES**

Age over and under	0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	-
<b>DISEASE</b>												
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	1	6	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	4	6	5	7	6	8	1	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal ) Meningitis )	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	6	6	5	10	9	15	3	-	-	1	1	1

## **SCARLET FEVER**

9 cases occurred during the year and with the exception of one case, all were treated at home.

## **WHOOPING COUGH**

7 cases occurred during the year.

## **DIPHTHERIA**

No cases of Diphtheria occurred during the year. There have been no cases in the Borough since 1950.

## **POLIOMYELITIS**

No cases occurred during the year. None have occurred since Immunisation started

## **SALMONELLA INFECTION (FOOD POISONING)**

2 cases occurred during the year.

## **MEASLES**

37 cases of measles occurred during the year. All were of a mild character and no complications were reported.

## **TUBERCULOSIS**

NEW CASES					DEATHS			
Age Groups	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 to 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
55 to 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	3	-	1	1	-	-	-

**FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1960**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**  
**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1964 FOR THE BOROUGH**  
**OF BANBURY IN THE COUNTY OF OXFORDSHIRE**

**Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the**  
**Factories Act, 1937.**

**PART 1 OF THE ACT**

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises	No. on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	16	20	1	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	116	95	7	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	5	8	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>

2. Cases in which defects were found.

NO OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND					
Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosecutions
Want of Cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) San. Conveniences (Sec. 7) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) San. Conveniences (Sec. 7) unsuitable or defective	8	8	-	-	-
Other Offences	1	1	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

3. OUTWORKERS - (All engaged in making wearing apparel).

No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec. 119(1)(c) - 19

No. of cases in default in supplying lists - None

No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises - None



## PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

### (1) *Corporation Swimming Pool*

The Corporation's open-air swimming pool comprises a rectangular enclosure, having an area of approximately one and a half acres. There is a spacious car park at the front of the main entrance block, which accommodates the purification plant, spectators' conveniences and stores, Superintendent's office and a central vestibule with registering turnstile and ticket office. A raised circular terrace descends to the Gentlemens' and Ladies' changing rooms together with flower beds and complete with Cafe and paved areas round the pool.

The pool is 165 ft. long x 60 ft. wide with depths of 2' 9" to 10' 0". The capacity is 356,000 gallons with a surface area of nearly 10,000 square feet.

The water supply to the pool is from the town's main and the purification plant, housed in the entrance block, is designed to maintain a standard of purity equal to that of drinking water.

An electrically operated centrifugal pump withdraws the water from the deep end of the pool at the rate of 59,000 gallons per hour and the water is passed through cylindrical pressure filters. Alumina and Soda are automatically added and the water is sterilised by the Chloramine process before returning to the Pool via the Cascade. The entire contents of the pool are thus circulated once every six hours.

Bacteriological examinations of the water from the pool have been entirely satisfactory during the present and previous years.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR  
1964.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, the Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Banbury

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit herewith my nineteenth annual report on the environmental health services of the Borough and, in accordance with my usual practice, I give below the usual statistical information followed by a few comments on the various aspects of our work.

In retrospect, the year 1964 - like many of its predecessors - seems to have been a particularly busy one although our activities were mainly of a routine character. As I have said before in my previous reports, the work of your public health inspectors is not of a spectacular nature and receives very little appreciation from those for whose benefit it is carried out but, nevertheless, it still remains a very important part of the health services owing to the intimate connection between the environment and the health of the individual.

This report, therefore, records the progress made during 1964 in the various fields of environmental health work for which we are responsible and, after examining the various records for the period under review, I am satisfied that the standard set in previous years has been maintained and that most of our duties have received attention.

The one important event which, perhaps, calls for comment is the coming into operation on the 1st August, 1964, of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. This Act has created very detailed - and very complex - new duties for your public health officers and I am happy to record that, in view of these, and other extra duties, the Council have agreed to appoint an additional public health inspector on the staff of the Department. Unfortunately it was not possible to attract a suitable officer to Banbury during 1964 but it is hoped that an appointment will be made early in 1965.

Another new piece of legislation - the Housing Act, 1964, - came into operation in August, 1964, and it is anticipated that certain duties under this Act in connection with the compulsory improvement of dwellings to provide standard amenities and to control houses in multiple occupation will provide a good deal of work for the Department in the future.

The Public Slaughterhouse again functioned satisfactorily during the year but the loss of one of the slaughtermen imposed a rather heavy burden on the remainder of the staff during the latter part of the period under review. The Council did, however, appoint a trainee-slaughterman in September and it is hoped that this addition to the staff will be of value in the future. As always, the Manager and the Slaughtermen coped with the work - including a good deal of overtime - and I would once more pay tribute to their loyal and conscientious services.

No changes occurred amongst the inspectorial staff during the year but, on the clerical side, Mrs. S. Wilkin, who had been with us for some time, resigned and was replaced by Miss. J. Blatchford. Unfortunately, Miss Blatchford resigned in September, and she was replaced by Mrs. C. F. Hedges who, I am glad to say, is carrying out her duties in a most efficient manner.

Another change in the Department, which I record with the utmost regret, was the illness and proposed retirement of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. J. Campbell. For a very long period Dr. Campbell has been a most respected and esteemed head of the Department and I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which he has carried out his duties and of the happy relationship which existed between him and every member of the staff. We have, indeed, been very fortunate to work with him for such a long period.

Finally, my thanks are due to many for their help during the year. As always, I have received the utmost support and courtesy from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and I am most grateful for this. In addition, I would record my appreciation of the co-operation of the Town Clerk and other Chief Officers of the Corporation and the staffs of their respective Departments.

To my own staff - and, in particular, to my deputy (Mr. C. R. Paling) - my thanks are again due for their willing and loyal service which makes it possible for me to present this satisfactory record of work done during 1964.

I AM, MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient servant,

**F. APPLEYARD**

Chief Public Health Inspector.

February, 1965.

# **VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1964**

## **PUBLIC HEALTH ACT**

Houses inspected ... ..	352
Verminous premises ... ..	10
Infectious Disease enquiries ... ..	39
Drainage Inspections ... ..	150
Re-Visits and work in progress ... ..	958
Van Dwellings ... ..	174
Smoke Abatement ... ..	79
Streams and Water Courses ... ..	68
Vacant land and refuse dumps ... ..	88
Canal Boats ... ..	1
Offensive trades ... ..	27
Keeping of Animals ... ..	17
Refuse Accommodation ... ..	7
Cesspools ... ..	28
Water Sampling ... ..	4
Miscellaneous ... ..	34

## **HOUSING ACT**

Houses inspected and recorded ... ..	13
Re-Visits and work in progress ... ..	260
Clearance Areas ... ..	43
Improvement Grant Applications ... ..	129
Houses in multiple occupation ... ..	31
General Housing Inspections with M.O.H. ... ..	2

## **FACTORIES ACT**

Factories inspected ... ..	99
Workplaces inspected ... ..	16
Outworkers premises inspected ... ..	18

## **SHOPS ACT AND OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT**

Shops inspected (health and comfort provisions)...	93
Shops inspected (closing hours and records) ...	7
Shops re-inspected ... ..	33
General Inspections (under Offices, shops and Rail- way Premises Act) ... ..	62

## **FOOD AND DRUGS ACT**

Bakehouses ... ..	34
General Food Shops ... ..	333
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	24
Food preparing premises ... ..	78
Slaughterhouse ... ..	837
Knackers Yard ... ..	7
Public Houses ... ..	44
Food inspection visits ... ..	184
Restaurants and cafes ... ..	145
Ice-Cream Premises ... ..	11
Food vehicles ... ..	36
Dairies ... ..	25
Public Market Stalls ... ..	120
Annual Fair - Food Stalls ... ..	196
Licensed Clubs ... ..	6

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Schools ... ..	12
Rats and Mice ... ..	36
Swimming Pools ... ..	2
Cinemas and Public Halls ... ..	3
Diseases of Animals Acts ... ..	684
Interviews with owners and builders ... ..	831
Miscellaneous visits ... ..	251
Pet Animals Act visits ... ..	57
Sewage Works ... ..	18

**TOTAL VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE**

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# NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH, 1964

TYPE OF NOTICE	OUTSTANDING 31. 12. 63	SERVED 1964	COMPLIED WITH 1964	OUTSTANDING 31. 12. 64
Public Health Act - informal	14	112	113	13
Public Health Act - statutory	6	4	9	1
Housing Act - informal	-	2	2	-
Housing Act - statutory	-	-	-	-
Factories Act -	1	9	9	1
Shops Act -	-	35	2	33
Food & Drugs Act -	14	63	62	15
Clean Air Act -	-	10	10	-
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act -	-	4	4	-
Milk & Dairies Order -	-	3	3	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>63</b>

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE, NOTICES SERVED NOTICES COMPLIED WITH, DEFECTS REMEDIED AND PREMISES IMPROVED, 1964

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS		FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS	FACTORIES ACTS	MISC. ACTS AND REGS.	TOTALS
Inspections made	2514	2080	133	2089	6816
Notices served	118	63	9	52	242
Notices complied with	124	62	9	19	214
Defects Remedied	489	72	12	27	600
Premises improved	124	62	9	19	214

## NUISANCES ABATED AND DEFECTS REMEDIED 1964

### (a) Dwelling Houses

Roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	19
External Walls re-pointed	...	...	...	...	12
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	9
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	14
Dampness abated generally	...	...	...	...	17
Wall plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	16
Ceiling plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	14
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	21
Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	18
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	7
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	3
Cesspools abolished	...	...	...	...	6
House drains connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	12
Additional light and ventilation provided	...	...	...	...	2
Baths provided	...	...	...	...	17
Washbasins provided	...	...	...	...	17
New water closets provided	...	...	...	...	24
Pail closets abolished	...	...	...	...	6
Repairs to water supplies	...	...	...	...	8
New sashcords to windows provided	...	...	...	...	49
Doors and woodwork repaired	...	...	...	...	7
Chimneys and stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Yards and passages paved or repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Dangerous walls rebuilt	...	...	...	...	1
Drains cleared of obstructions	...	...	...	...	44
Drains repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	12
Inspection chambers provided to drains	...	...	...	...	3
Choked sewers dealt with	...	...	...	...	48

(a) *Dwelling Houses (Cont.)*

W.C. compartments repaired and cleansed	...	...	...	26
W.C. pedestals provided	...	...	...	6
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	1
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	18
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	3
Vermineous rooms disinfected	...	...	...	7
Keeping of animals - nuisances abated	...	...	...	2
Cesspools cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	2
Firegrates and Cooking Ranges repaired	...	...	...	3
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	11
Food stores provided	...	...	...	14

(b) *Shops Act*

Seats provided for assistants	...	...	...	1
Notices re provisions of seats exhibited	...	...	...	1

(c) *Factories*

Cleansed and redecorated...	...	...	...	1
Water closets cleansed, repaired etc.	...	...	...	4
W.C's - artificial lighting provided	...	...	...	5
Urinals cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	5
Int. vent. space provided to W.C.s	...	...	...	2

(d) *Bakehouses*

Water closets repaired and cleansed	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses cleansed and re-decorated	...	...	...	4
Structural repairs completed	...	...	...	1
Flour stores cleansed and re-decorated	...	...	...	1
"Wash Hands" notice provided	...	...	...	1
Refuse storage facilities improved	...	...	...	2
Artificial light provided to W.C.	...	...	...	1

(e) *Dairies*

Dairies cleansed and re-decorated	...	...	...	2
Refrigerator cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	1

(f) *Food Shops and Food Preparing Premises*

Constant hot water supplies provided	...	...	...	1
Food rooms cleansed and re-decorated	...	...	...	6
W.C.s cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	1
Structural repairs completed	...	...	...	10
Dustbins provided or properly sited	...	...	...	1
Wash basins provided	...	...	...	1
Sinks provided	...	...	...	1
"Wash Hands" notices provided	...	...	...	1
Soap, Towels etc., provided	...	...	...	2
Warning re smoking in food premises	...	...	...	1
Food storage improved	...	...	...	2
Apparatus and fittings cleansed	...	...	...	2
Refrigerators cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	1
W.C. provided	...	...	...	1

(g) *Cafes and Public Houses*

Rooms or cellars cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	9
Water closets cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	5
Structural repairs completed	...	...	...	1
Constant hot water supplies provided	...	...	...	3
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	2
Protection of foodstuffs improved	...	...	...	4
"Wash Hands" notice provided	...	...	...	1
Outdoor clothing moved from food room	...	...	...	1
Washbasin provided	...	...	...	1



## COMPLAINTS

During the year 262 written or verbal complaints were received at the office and these were in respect of the following matters.

Defective water closets ... ..	22
Defective house roofs ... ..	4
Choked and defective drains and sewers	94
Offensive smells ... ..	30
Burst water pipes and defective water supply	6
Dumping of refuse ... ..	15
Flooding of cellars etc ... ..	4
Defective gutters and rainwater pipes	1
Dampness ... ..	9
Smoke - dust and chimney nuisance ...	8
Nuisances from insects ... ..	31
General defects ... ..	29
Overcrowding ... ..	5
Pollution of water courses ... ..	2
Noise nuisance ... ..	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>

### DRAINAGE AND WATER CLOSETS

As a result of complaints or routine inspections 44 choked drains were dealt with by the Department and at 12 premises drains were reconstructed or repaired under our supervision. In addition, 43 choked sewers were found and, in each case, these were dealt with promptly by the Borough Surveyor.

Improvements to sanitary accommodation effected included the provision of 24 new water closets, the conversion of 6 pail closets to water closets, the repair and cleansing of 32 water closet compartments, the provision of 6 new pedestal pans, the provision of artificial lighting to 6 water closets and the repair or renewal of 3 water closet cisterns.

In addition, as a result of action by your inspectors, 2 wash-hand basins were provided at food premises in the area.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

The incidence of infectious disease was again low in the Borough but it was necessary for your inspectors to make 39 visits in this connection. A report on each notified case of infectious disease was submitted to the Medical Officer of Health and, arising out of these cases, 9 rooms were disinfected by the Department.

### HOUSING

#### (a) *Slum Clearance*

The results of the Council's progressive policy in connection with the clearance or closure of unfit houses are set out in detail in the report of the Medical Officer of Health and there is no doubt that, during the period 1954 - 1964, the standard of housing in the area has, on this account, been raised quite considerably. The very active post-war building programme has also contributed towards this very desirable improvement and it is still pleasing to hear the appreciation of families who have moved from the old unfit dwellings to the modern and most pleasing Corporation houses. No further slum clearance work was carried out during the year under review except the demolition of practically all the remaining houses in the Cherwell area. Two houses, which were found to be unfit during

the year were, however, thoroughly repaired and reconditioned following the acceptance of undertakings by the Council from the respective owners.

There are, of course, still many houses in the Borough which, although not unfit within the meaning of the Housing Act, 1957, lack the essential amenities such as indoor water closets, hot water supplies, baths, washhand basins and food stores but it is anticipated that these houses will now be dealt with under the new powers contained in the Housing Act, 1964. The carrying out of the necessary surveys under the provisions of this Act is now being commenced and it is hoped that some progress will be made in bringing these houses up to the required standard during the present year.

(b) *Overcrowding*

Apart from two cases of overcrowding which were found in caravans - both of which were remedied during the year - no cases of overcrowding came to our notice during 1964. A careful watch was kept on houses occupied by various immigrants to the area and, so far as we have been able to ascertain, no overcrowding existed in any of those houses at the end of the year.

(c) *Houses in Multiple Occupation*

A good deal of attention was paid to the problem of supervising these premises during the year and some progress was made in improving the standards in some of the houses. This work is, however, one of exceptional difficulty in view of the rapid changes of occupancy which occur in premises of this nature and, whilst efforts were made to enforce a reasonable standard of maintenance and facilities, many circumstances arose which made our efforts in this regard very difficult to bring to a successful conclusion. On the credit side, however, I am able to report some worthwhile improvements in the condition of some of these properties (particularly those occupied by Pakistanis and other immigrants) and the reduction in the numbers of families occupying a few large properties that are let in multiple occupation. In practice, it has been found that some owners prefer to reduce the number of families in a particular house to accord with the facilities already available rather than incur the expense of providing additional amenities. The whole problem is, however, one of difficulty and has involved a good deal of work, particularly in the evenings, by your inspectors.

(d) *Caravans*

No material change in the number of caravans in the area occurred during the year. The twelve licensed sites in the Borough, containing approximately 87 caravans, were kept under notice and the inspections made did not reveal any necessity for any formal action by the Department. Three caravans, placed on unlicensed sites, were removed following informal action by your officers.

(e) *Improvement Grants*

During the year 17 Standard Improvement Grants and 1 Discretionary Improvement Grant were approved by the Council and, as in former years, these were practically all in respect of owner-occupied premises.

The records of work carried out in connection with Improvement Grants during the last ten years show that very substantial improvements have been effected to approximately 133 houses. In most of these cases the schemes approved have included the provision of internal water closets, the provision of constant hot water supplies, the provision of baths and washhand basins and, in many cases, the provision of properly ventilated food stores and fuel stores. In addition to the provision of these additional amenities a good deal of repair work has been carried out as a result of conditions imposed when the grants were approved - at least 46 houses having been dealt with in this way.

The Improvement Grant Scheme has, therefore, made an important contribution towards raising further the standard of housing in the Borough and, as mentioned earlier, it is anticipated that, through the operation of the Housing Act, 1964, many more houses will be similarly improved in the future - either by informal methods or by the use of the compulsory powers now available to the Corporation.

(f) *Housing Repairs*

As in former years a good deal of housing repair work was carried out following the service of notices under the provisions of the Public Health Acts or the Housing Acts - 124 houses being improved by this means during 1964.

(g) *Rent Act*

No action was found necessary under the provisions of the Rent Act during the period covered by this report.

**FACTORIES ACTS**

The usual routine inspections of factories, workplaces and out-workers' premises were carried out during the year - 115 inspections being recorded under this heading. As a result of these inspections, 9 notices were served in respect of defective sanitary conveniences and all had been remedied by the close of the year.

**SMOKE ABATEMENT**

The smoke abatement problem in Banbury is not one which creates undue difficulty and, in general, I am able to report that, from the reports made to me by the district inspectors on their day-to-day work, it would appear that the gradual improvement mentioned in my last report, has been maintained during 1964.



During the year 79 routine observations and other visits of inspection were made in this connection and 11 contraventions of the Clean Air Act were dealt with. These comprised 3 emissions of dense smoke from factory chimneys, 7 nuisances created by the burning of refuse and 1 case of grit emission. In two of the contraventions recorded at factories the boilers are hand-fired with the consequent difficulties inherent in the stoking of such boilers. Advice was given by your inspectors in both these cases and, as a result, some improvement was effected but both premises are still being kept under observation. In the third case, a large factory with a very good record in respect of smoke emission, the contravention was due to a defect in the equipment and was quickly remedied on this matter being attended to. The same premises were responsible, on one occasion during the year, for the emission of grit from the chimney but no trouble has been experienced since the matter was taken up with the firm concerned. The seven cases of nuisances arising from the burning of refuse were expeditiously dealt with following informal action by your officers but it should be stressed that the creation of nuisances by this practice constitutes an offence under the Clean Air Act for which the persons responsible can be held liable.

No further trouble was experienced in respect of dust and offensive odours from the local factory mentioned in my last annual report and it would appear that any former trouble caused by these premises has now been effectually abated.

#### SHOPS ACTS

##### (a) *Shops Act, 1950*

All the duties under the above-mentioned Act have been carried out for many years by your public health inspectors and, during the year, 133 visits of inspection were made in this connection. These visits included inspections with respect to closing hours, the employment of young persons, the weekly closing of shops and Sunday trading. As will be seen in the next paragraph of this report, our duties under shops legislation have been increased very considerably during 1964 when the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, became operative. In future, therefore, both these Acts will be administered by your public health inspectors who have all been appointed Enforcement Officers under the new Act.

##### (b) *Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963*

The registration of premises coming within the purview of this Act was commenced on the 1st May, 1964, and proceeded steadily until the 1st August when the Act became operative. A good deal of clerical and administrative work was created as a result of these requirements of the new Act but I am glad to be able to report that we were able to cope with this and that, by the end of the year, 294 premises had been registered and recorded. These premises comprised 94 offices, 162 retail shops, 11 wholesale premises or warehouses, 25 catering establishments and 2 fuel storage depots. The number of persons employed in these premises amounted to 2,659 - 1,243 males and 1,416 females. From these figures it would appear that there are still some premises which have not been registered by the occupiers and it is anticipated these will be picked up and added to the register in the course of our inspections under the Act.

Towards the end of the year a start was made in carrying out the full inspections of the premises registered and by the end of the year 62 premises had received the first general inspection and 129 visits had been made by your inspectors in this connection.

It quickly became evident, however, that, if this Act was to be administered on the lines required by the Ministry of Labour, some additional assistance was needed in the Department and, following the consideration of a special report on this matter, the Council decided to appoint a further District Public Health Inspector to enable these - and other additional duties - to be carried out. Unfortunately, no candidates were forthcoming for this new appointment by the end of the year but it is hoped to fill the post early in 1965.

On the 29th May, 1964, I had the opportunity of addressing a very well-attended public meeting, arranged by the Local Employment Committee of the Ministry of Labour, on the provisions of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. This meeting also had the advantage of hearing Mr. N. L. Ford, one of H.M. Superintending Inspectors of Factories who spoke on the provisions of the Act generally and the Senior Fire Prevention Officer of the Oxfordshire County Fire Service who dealt with the Fire Precautions aspect of the Act. This meeting was, I am sure, most valuable in making known the provisions of this new and important piece of legislation and the Local Employment Committee are to be congratulated on their efforts in organising this function.

The duties laid upon your inspectors by this Act are very detailed and complex but, having regard to our experience so far in the administration of the Statute and the many Regulations made thereunder, it would seem that, in general, occupiers of the premises concerned are proving quite co-operative in meeting the requests made to them.

#### **RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION**

This work was actively continued during the year and, as in former years, the policy of providing a free service for dwelling-houses and making a charge for dealing with business premises was carried on.

With regard to surface infestations, 174 complaints were received and dealt with, 1,536 inspections were carried out and re-inspections totalled 861. As a result of your rodent operative's work 326 premises were cleared of rats or mice, 542½ lbs. of bait were laid and 782 rat bodies were found.

The sewers in the area were also treated during the year, and of 72 manholes treated in various parts of the Borough (including those areas showing previous records of infestation), none showed any evidence of the presence of rats. This result is most satisfactory and is the only occasion, since this work started, when we have been able to report no signs of infestation in any of the sewer manholes baited.

Having regard to the amount of building and development work taking place in the area and the consequent disturbance which necessarily follows from this work, I feel that the position is, on the whole, satisfactory and reflects credit on Mr. Lampitt, your rodent operative, who renders very conscientious and skilful services in this particular branch of our work.



## INSECT PESTS

During 1964 we were again able to deal with several complaints from occupiers of premises infested with various forms of insect life and, here again, I would pay tribute to Mr. Lampitt's valuable work. All the cases reported were dealt with promptly and effectively, including many cases of infestation by wasps.

## RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Once again I am able to report that no applications for registration under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act were received during the year under review.

## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Three complaints of alleged nuisances from noise were received during the year and a good deal of time, often entailing very late night visits, was devoted to the investigation of these complaints. The first case dealt with was in respect of noise from heavy motor vehicles which were being parked - quite illegally - on vacant land in the area. After investigation, this matter was taken up with the owner of the land concerned and, eventually, the site was securely fenced to prevent any further vehicular access.

The other two complaints - one concerning a local teenagers' club and the other a local hotel - were in respect of noise from dance bands (live and recorded) and concerning noise and other alleged misbehaviour, at the former club or in its immediate vicinity. After our investigations interviews took place with the occupiers of both these premises and, due to their co-operation, the position in each case appears to have improved. Both premises are, however, being kept under notice so far as we are able to do so.

## MILK CONTROL

As mentioned in my last report, the Corporation's functions in respect of milk control are now, generally speaking, restricted to the registration and supervision of dairies and milk distributors' premises under the provisions of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. The usual routine inspections of these premises were carried out during the year and, apart from a few minor contraventions, which were quickly remedied on request, no formal action was needed. One new distributor of milk was registered during 1964 and warnings were issued to two dairy-men concerning dirty milk bottles.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

### (a) *Meat Inspection*

As in former years, all animals slaughtered for human consumption in the Borough during 1964 were inspected prior to sale and the following table gives the number of animals slaughtered and inspected together with the carcasses, parts of carcasses and organs which were rejected as being unfit for human food:-

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Calves	Total
(1) Slaughtered and inspected	1,772	8,268	4,293	76	14,409
(2) Whole carcasses condemned: -					
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Other Diseases	-	3	1	2	6
(3) Parts of carcasses and organs condemned: -					
(a) Tuberculosis	2	-	34	-	36
(b) Other Diseases	316	189	526	1	1,032
(c) Cysticercosis	9	-	-	-	9

The total weight of meat and offal rejected was approximately 3½ tons.

(b) *The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963*

No difficulty was experienced in the carrying out of the requirements of these Regulations during the year but, as mentioned in my last report, the time spent by your Inspectors on meat inspection work has increased as a result of the need to implement these Regulations. The fact that all the slaughtering for the area is carried out at the local abattoir has helped considerably in the administration of this new legislation and has enabled us to carry out quite smoothly the necessary inspections and the marking of all carcasses passed as fit for human consumption. No change was made during the year in the charges imposed by the Council under the Regulations, i.e. 1/6d. (cattle), 6d (calves and pigs) and 3d. (sheep).

(c) *Other Foods*

In addition to the unsound meat detailed in paragraph (a) above, the usual large amount of tinned, frozen and other unsound foodstuffs were dealt with during the year - mainly at the request of the retailers concerned. 184 visits of inspection were recorded for this purpose and full details of all unsound meat and other foods dealt with are given in the report of the Medical Officer of Health which is attached hereto.

Ten complaints were received during the year concerning alleged unsoundness or the presence of foreign bodies in foodstuffs purchased in the area and detailed investigations were made in each case followed by reports to the Public Health Committee of the Council. As a result of the consideration of all the circumstances connected with these occurrences, and in view of the fact that all the incidents were first offences by the retailers or manufacturers concerned, cautions were issued by the Town Clerk or warnings were given by your Inspector. In addition, two dairymen were warned by the Town Clerk as a result of complaints of milk being delivered in dirty bottles. In this connection I am very pleased to note an increased willingness on the part of the public to report to us cases of this nature as it is only by this co-operation that many such incidents come to light.

Four new certificates of registration, under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, were granted for the sale of ice cream and one new distributor of milk was registered during the year.

(d) *Public Slaughterhouse*

The Public Slaughterhouse, which was taken over by the Corporation in 1954, continued to function most satisfactorily during the year covered by this report and, financially, it was again carried on without any charge on the rates. The advantages of the provision made by the Corporation in this regard have been stressed in previous reports and I would again mention the fact that all slaughtering in the area is concentrated at these premises giving all the advantages of an efficient meat inspection service coupled with hygienic conditions of slaughter.

The total kill of 14,409 animals showed an increase on the previous year (13,160) and I give below a table showing the number of animals slaughtered annually since 1955 together with the yearly receipts for the same period:-

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
1955	9,100	£3,296. 9. 9.
1956	11,095	£4,083. 12. 4.
1957	12,664	£4,597. 19. 10.
1958	14,160	£5,087. 9. 5.
1959	16,087	£5,365. 17. 7.
1960	13,425	£4,667. 15. 2.
1961	13,202	£5,994. 19. 3.
1962	12,932	£6,306. 5. 4.
1963	13,160	£6,590. 6. 1.
1964	14,409	£7,527. 17. 4.

These figures illustrate the satisfactory financial position of the undertaking which has been self-supporting during the period covered by the above table.

I must, once again, refer to the excellent services rendered by the Manager and the Slaughtermen during another busy year. Their conscientious work - and its high quality - again calls for the highest praise and, due to their services, the slaughterhouse retains the justifiably good name it has achieved in meat trade circles. During the year a trainee-slaughterman was appointed to the staff of the slaughterhouse - an appointment which should be of value in the future working of the undertaking.

(e) *Slaughtermens' Licences*

During 1964 the licences of 8 slaughtermen were renewed and a new licence was issued to the trainee-slaughterman under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

**FOOD PREMISES**

Special attention was again given by your officers to the enforcement of the provisions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations and the following improvements were effected at 23 food premises in the area:-



Food Rooms cleansed and redecorated	18
W.C.s provided, repaired or cleansed	8
Washhand basins provided	2
Constant hot water supplies provided	4
Structural works carried out	7
Food storage conditions improved	4
Accumulations of refuse removed	3
Outdoor clothing moved from food rooms	2
Soap, towels and nailbrushes provided	3
First-aid outfit provided	1
Refrigerators, machinery etc. cleansed	3
"Wash-hand" notices provided	4
Artificial light provided to W.C.	1
Smoking in food room prohibited	1
Refuse storage facilities improved	3

All the above improvements were effected by informal action and, once again, good co-operation by the local food traders assisted in this work. The good liaison between the Borough Engineer and Surveyor and myself continued during 1964 whereby plans for new food premises or for alterations to existing ones are scrutinised by your Inspectors and any necessary amendments made before work is carried out and the premises put into use.

The records for 1964, and for many previous years, in this field of work show that substantial progress has been made to achieve the Council's policy of a high standard of food hygiene in the area. A good deal of work in this connection is, however, still needed and it is hoped that, with the proposed increase in the establishment of public health inspectors, more frequent routine inspections of food premises will be possible during the present year.

#### ANNUAL FAIR - FOOD STALLS

The food stalls in the Annual Fair were kept under notice during the period they were in the area - each stall being inspected at the time of erection and on several other occasions during the principal Fair days. The requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations were explained to the various stall holders on the first visit and, as indicated above, subsequent revisits were made to ascertain whether the Regulations were being complied with. On the whole the standard of hygiene was again satisfactory for stalls of this nature, and apart from one or two minor contraventions, there was little cause for complaint. Some 32 food stalls (as compared with 27 stalls in the previous year) were included in the fair and they were all equipped with hot water supplies (or had convenient access to such supplies) as well as being provided with soap, towels and nailbrushes. In general, therefore, I can say that our annual visitors gave us no cause for concern in this connection and that, as usual, they were most willing to comply with any request we made.

#### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The annual licences of 4 premises coming within the purview of the above Act were renewed during the year.



**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS AND ORDERS  
FOR THE YEAR 1964**

**To the Worshipful the Mayor, the Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Banbury**

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit herewith my annual report on the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders for the year 1964. This is the nineteenth annual report I have had the privilege of bringing before you and I am very pleased to be able to report that, during the period under review, the Borough was entirely clear of any of the scheduled animal diseases.

The year was, therefore, in this respect uneventful but, as I have said in previous reports, the size of our local market, - one of the largest in the country - and the frequency of the sales held there imposes a heavy responsibility upon your officers as well as a great deal of routine licensing work. It is thus necessary for constant attention and vigilance to be given to these duties and I am glad to be able to report that, within the limits of our available staff, the work proceeded smoothly and satisfactorily during 1964.

A good deal of the credit for this work must again be given to Mr. George Stevens, the specialist Inspector appointed for these duties. Although now only serving in a part-time capacity, Mr. Stevens' services are of the utmost value and we have been fortunate to have his most conscientious and efficient help for a period of over ten years.

The public health inspectors have also rendered good service in the administration of the numerous Acts, Orders and Regulations and I would pay tribute to their work in this connection.

As mentioned last year, good co-operation has existed between the owners of the market and your inspectors - a fact which helps, very considerably, in the smooth running of what is, on occasions, a difficult task.

Finally, I would again express my appreciation of the invariable support and courtesy extended to me by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and for the help always so readily available from the Town Clerk and his staff. In addition, I am grateful to Mr. R.A.A. Beament, the Ministry's Divisional Veterinary Officer and to the members of his staff for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

I give below the usual statistics and a few comments on this work:-

**(1) *Anthrax***

No cases of this disease occurred in the area during the year.

## (2) *Sheep Scab*

As has happened for many years now, no outbreaks of this disease were reported in the Borough during 1964.

## (3) *Swine Fever*

Although this disease was prevalent in certain parts of the country, no outbreaks occurred in our own area. Taking the country as a whole, it would appear that the Ministry's new policy of the compulsory slaughter of all pigs affected by the disease and their contacts has been quite successful and has reduced, very considerably, the incidence of this disease.

## (4) *Foot and Mouth Disease*

No outbreaks of this disease were reported either locally or nationally during 1964.

## (5) *Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1959*

An increase in the total number of swine passing through the market occurred during 1964. The figures given below illustrate the continual growth of the market in this connection:-

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
Licences issued	2,687	2,337	2,847	2,696	2,856
Animals involved	59,912	46,895	49,002	46,426	47,198

No offences in connection with the movement of swine were found during the year.

## (6) *Importation of Animals*

539 licences were received during the year authorising the movement of 39,189 Irish Cattle from the ports of landing to the local market and 1,795 licences were issued to authorise the movement of these animals to private premises.

Once again, a considerable increase in the number of Irish Cattle passing through the market occurred as will be seen from the statistics set out below:-

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
Licences issued	1,795	2,302	1,057	662	225
Animals involved	39,189	31,297	22,605	13,878	4,884

No offences in connection with the movement of imported cattle were detected during the year.

## (7) *Transit of Animals - Cleansing and Disinfection of Vehicles*

Supervision was exercised over the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles at the market during the year. No cautions were issued by your Inspector for contraventions of the Order and, on the whole, little trouble was experienced in this connection.

(8) *The Live Poultry (Restrictions) Order, 1957*

As in the previous year the poultry section of the market was licensed for the sale of poultry for immediate slaughter only on Thursdays - the normal market day - throughout the year. These regular sales were kept under constant notice and no action was called for by your officers.

(9) *The Markets, Sales and Lairs (Amendment) Order, 1926*

Regular inspections, totalling 342 were carried out during 1964 to ensure that the cleansing and disinfection of the market and the railway siding pens was being carried out satisfactorily. On 2 occasions it was necessary to issue cautions in connection with failure to cleanse the railway pens but, on the whole, the work was carried out satisfactorily during the year.

(10) *Fowl Pest*

No cases of this disease were notified in the Borough during the year.

(11) *Summary of Action taken during 1964 in the Administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders.*

(1) *Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1959*

(a) Legal Proceedings for failure to obtain licences	Nil
(b) Cautions issued by the Town Clerk following reports to the appropriate Committee	Nil
(c) Cautions issued by the Inspector without reference to the Committee	Nil

(2) *Transit of Animals*

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect Railway Siding Pens	2
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(3) *Transit of Animals (Amendment) Order 1931*

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect Transport Vehicles	Nil
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(4) *Markets, Sales and Lairs (Amendment) Order, 1926*

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect pens, etc., between Markets.	Nil
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(5) *The Live Poultry (Restrictions) Order, 1957*

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to clip back tail feathers.	Nil
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(6) *Diseases of Animals Act, 1950 (Second Schedule)*

(a) Legal proceedings taken in respect of moving animals without licences.	Nil
(b) Cautions issued by the Town Clerk following reports to the Committee	Nil

(c) Cautions issued by Inspector respecting  
use of unauthorised part of Market during  
Irish Cattle Sales

Nil

I AM, MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient servant,

F. APPLEYARD, D.P.A. (Lond)., F.R.S.H.,

Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders.

February, 1965.





